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Sir:

I, Tsuyoshi INOUE, hereby declare and state:

THAT I am a citizen of Japan;

THAT I have received the degree of Masters in Engineering and Design from Kyoto
Institute of Technology in March 1991;

THAT I have been employed by NITTO DENKO CORPORATION since April 1991,
where I hold a position as Research, with responsibility for synthesis of polymer materials and
development of surface protective materials;

THAT I am an inventor of the present application;

THAT the following experiments were carried out by me or under my direct supervision.

EXPERIMENT

A sheet for protecting a paint film was prepared in the same manner as Example 1 of the present application, except that a terpene resin (YS RESIN PX1150) was used in place of the styrene/hydrogenated terpene copolymer resin (Clearon K100).

The sheet thus obtained was subjected to the same evaluation tests described on page 19 of the present specification.

The results obtained are shown below together with the results obtained in Examples 1 and 5 of the present application.

| | | Example 1 of Present Application | Example 5 of Present Application | Resin used in Dobashi [*] |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Substrate | | 40 μ m thick propylene/polyethylene blend film | | |
| Constitution of Pressure- sensitive Adhesive | Kind of resin | Styrene/hydrogenated terpene copolymer resin (Clearon K100) | Hydrogenated aliphatic/ aromatic copolymer resin (Arkon M100) | Terpene resin (YS RESIN PX1150) |
| | Amount of resin | 1 part | 1 part | 1 part |
| | PIB | (PIB of Mw 870,000) : (PIB of Mw 80,000)=75:25 | | |
| | Thickness | 10 μ m | | |
| Fouling Evaluation Test | 80°C, 24 hours | No fouling | No fouling | Fouling occurred |
| | 600C/95%, 24 hours | No fouling | No fouling | Fouling occurred |

^{*} U.S. Patent No. 5,643,676 to Dobashi *et al.*

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As is apparent from the above results, the film prepared using the resin of Dobashi cannot prevent occurrence of fouling. That is, the present invention provides unexpectedly superior results relative to Dobashi.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

Submitted herewith are copies of decisions rendered by a court or the Board in any proceeding identified about in Section II pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(ii).

None